



## Newsletter July 2023

**Hello everyone!**

What a busy couple of months it has been with the additions to our website and business pages, the Aotea quiz nights, which was a lot of fun, and the ongoing support the Aotea community has given us to help get these items planned and delivered.

If you would like to help out or have any suggestions for us, please get in touch anytime at [aotearesidents@gmail.com](mailto:aotearesidents@gmail.com)

### Aotea 'Local Network' Webpage for Businesses

Register your  
Business!



If you are interested in registering your business on this website, please send an email to [aotearesidents@gmail.com](mailto:aotearesidents@gmail.com) with the following information:

- Name of Business
- What your Business does
- Email contact of your Business
- A couple of photos representing your business (e.g., photo of products, or photo of the Business office, photo of friendly staff etc).

Thanks  
ARA Committee

**Disclaimer** - ARA reserves the right to refuse any business selling illegal products or service or any product that is deemed inappropriate or culturally insensitive.

See some examples of what we need from you here: [AOTEA LOCAL NETWORK | aotea-residents \(aotearesidents.org.nz\)](https://aotea-residents.org.nz)

## Business Forum

### Would you like to be involved?

- Dedicated to listing local small businesses: this includes quarterly meetings with business owners, business expo once per year, and at times working with other business groups in the local area as well as Porirua council on initiatives.
- Please feel free to reach out to Sushil directly as well as he would love to help and
- support your business as part of his role in the committee as the business Liaison and the community initiatives he runs at the café.

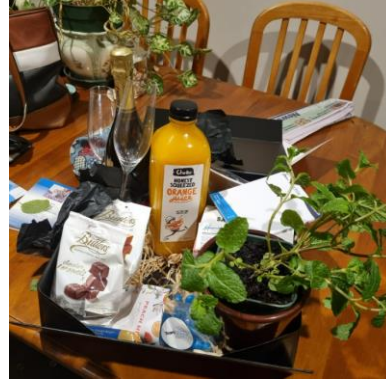
### Quiz Nights 27 June and 1 July

This year we ran 2 quiz nights at Sushil's Musclechef Kitchen and Café. They were well attended by Aotea residents and the ARA team made every effort to make it a successful event. For a small registration fee of \$10 the participants were treated with delicious finger foods by Sushil's team. Thanks to all the donors that helped with prizes (no particular order):

- Mel Waite Photography - **raffle**
- Champion dental (Hamish) – **raffle**
- Harcourts Team Ritchie (Paula and her team) –**raffle**
- Collective First National (Josh Tararo and his team) - **raffle**
- Whittakers Chocolates
- Sushil's Musclechef Kitchen and Café
- Cute-icle Nails (Nadia)
- Mortgage Time (Bridie Sadgrove)
- Twice Two (Victoria Allott)
- Devi for the Cookbooks
- Munroe Lashes (Kirsten Grace)
- Expressions by Seema (Seema Singh)

A big thank you to Seema, David, Cliff, and Bharath from the ARA, and a huge thank you to Sushil and his team for making the event so successful!





### Help Beautify our Streets!

Would you like to be part of bringing great art to Aotea?

You may paint for a living or as a hobby, whatever your reason, we want to offer you the chance to use our cabinets as a canvas to showcase your work to your local community. You'll be paid for the materials used and a contribution for your time.



The cabinet art initiative began in 2010 with a test pilot in Auckland to try to reduce the amount of vandalism to our telecommunications cabinets. It proved so successful we have extended it throughout the country and now complete on average 170 murals each year. The programme is proving invaluable as a way to help promote a sense of community belonging, identity and pride while also helping to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Please use the link below to find out more and register your interest!

<https://www.chorus.co.nz/community/cabinet-art-programme>

### Civic Award 2023 – Kim Livingstone

*Congratulations!*



Recently Aotea resident Kim Livingstone of Dusky Cres was nominated by Aotea Residents Association for a civic award. In June 2023 the award was presented by mayor Anita Baker. Here is the background information and photographs showing the work he and the Aotea Conservation Volunteers have done.

Kim was a co-founder of the Aotea Conservation Volunteers group and has worked for several conservation groups in the Porirua area. Together with the other co-founder, Ngahana Hartley, and 4 local regulars, the Aotea Conservation Volunteers have undertaken restoration of native plants in various patches of Bothamley Park with help also received from Porirua City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Trees That Count, Radio NZ, and from private and other community volunteer groups. Since 2015, Kim has directed planting operations, and been responsible for weed clearance and pest trapping.

Kim and the other members of Aotea Conservation Volunteers are proud of the plant growth that has occurred in the planted areas. The following photographs were taken at roughly two-year intervals from a position near the top of the Dales Track.



**Would you like to join the Aotea Residents Association?**

***We need someone to look after the community Facebook page and also assist on event planning, not much time each week and a great opportunity to help the community, please let us know if you are interested by emailing at [aotearesidents@gmail.com](mailto:aotearesidents@gmail.com)***

**Future Aotea Event:**

**Annual General Meeting**

Date – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Venue – Sushil's Muslechef Kitchen & Café

Time – 7pm to 8pm

**Thank you and we look forward to the next event where we can all catch up!**

ARA Team